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2	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
3	Case No. 19-11845-shl
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5	In the Matter of:
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8	CALLEWAERT and MALCOLM COHEN, as JOINT ADMINISTRATORS,
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10	Debtors.
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23	U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
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1	HEARING re FIRST DAY CHAPTER 15 HEARING
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3	HEARING re Doc. #7 Ex-Parte Motion For Temporary Restraining
4	Order And Relief Pursuant To Sections 1519 And 105(A) Of The
5	Bankruptcy Code
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7	HEARING re Doc. #8 Motion To Approve / Application For An
8	Order (I) Scheduling Recognition Hearing, (II) Specifying
9	Deadline For Filing Objections And (III) Specifying Form And
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12	HEARING re Doc. #10 Motion to File Under Seal Re: Affidavit
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	THE COURT: We are here for BSG Resources Limited,
3	a Chapter 15 case that was just filed.
4	So let me get appearances from counsel.
5	MR. HYMAN: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Rick
6	Hyman from DuaneMorris. We represent the foreign
7	representative as joint administrators for BSG Resources.
8	I'm here with my colleague Jarret Hitchings who submitted a
9	pro hoc last night. I believe the order was entered today.
10	THE COURT: Great.
11	MR. HYMAN: Thank you.
12	THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
13	MS. SCHWEITZER: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Lisa
14	Schweitzer from Cleary Gottlieb for Vale, with my partner
15	John Blackman, also from Cleary Gottlieb.
16	THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.
17	Anyone else whose come on up, and just make
18	sure that we you can use any microphone, just to make
19	sure we get your appearance noted.
20	MR. BLACKMAN: Sure. Jonathan Blackman from
21	Cleary Gottlieb.
22	MS. SCHWEITZER: He's talking about the person in
23	back of you.
24	MR. BLACKMAN: Oh, behind me. I was wondering,
25	hecause

Page 6 THE COURT: Yeah, they come from all directions. 1 2 MR. MCCALLEN: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 3 Benjamin McCallen, Willkie Farr & Gallagher on behalf of George Soros and the OSF entities. 4 5 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 6 MR. MCCALLEN: Thank you, Your Honor. THE COURT: Anyone else who's making an 7 8 appearance? 9 All right. With that, I'll hand it over to 10 counsel to walk us through what we need to accomplish today. 11 MR. HYMAN: Good morning, Your Honor. And we 12 appreciate you making the time for us on such short notice. 13 We did, as you noticed, file the petition yesterday --14 15 THE COURT: Right. 16 MR. HYMAN: -- along with an assortment of first 17 day pleadings. 18 THE COURT: I saw that. And thank you for your 19 speed in getting the binders to chambers. I appreciate 20 that. It's -- it makes a big difference, because I tend to 21 be a paper person for a lot of things still, perhaps it's a 22 character failing. And so it ends up if I don't get the 23 binders by a certain point I end up just needing prints repeatedly and then assembling my own binder. So this is 24 25 much preferable and thank you very much --

Page 7 1 MR. HYMAN: And --2 THE COURT: -- because I know you didn't have a 3 lot of time to do that. 4 MR. HYMAN: Yeah. And, unfortunately, we were a 5 little bit jammed and we made sure to get them down to you 6 as soon as possibly close to --7 THE COURT: No, it was fine. 8 MR. HYMAN: -- 5 p.m. 9 THE COURT: The timing was great. 10 MR. HYMAN: Unfortunately what that did is it 11 delayed our service on some of the other creditors, by a 12 short period of time. And we did seek to get them documents 13 as soon as possible. Just for your benefit, Your Honor, and 14 we filed the certificate of service this morning. 15 We had delivered copies of the various first day 16 pleadings by email, and delivery, and by FedEx to Cleary 17 Gottlieb yesterday. We delivered copies by email and FedEx 18 to Willkie Farr attorneys yesterday as well. In addition, 19 we delivered FedEx'd copies to Vale, LSL, that was one of 20 the Debtor's creditors, and Standard Chartered, another one 21 of the Debtor's creditors, by FedEx to their addresses 22 overseas, which were the only addresses that we had. 23 didn't have any addresses for counsel for those creditors. 24 THE COURT: All right. 25 MR. HYMAN: All right. We're here today on three

Page 8 1 The first matter is an ex parte application for a 2 temporary restraining order bridging us either to a hearing 3 on a TRO, or alternatively, to a recognition hearing which we hope to set up. Second is the application for that 4 5 scheduling order, effectively scheduling a hearing on the 6 recognition, specifying a date for objections, and approving 7 the form of notice. Lastly, you'll notice that we filed a 8 motion to file a declaration, really an affidavit, under 9 seal, with this Court. 10 Perhaps -- we can take these in any order, 11 whatever is Your Honor's preference. 12 THE COURT: All right. So for scheduling, I 13 looked at the calendar and I thought perhaps July 10th in 14 the afternoon might work, say 2:30, unless, after we get 15 through matters today people are anticipating a -- something 16 more lengthy or evidentiary at that point, but you can let 17 me know. And folks, obviously I'll hear from everybody, 18 will let me know whether you think that's the case. But 19 certainly even if that is the case, we could certainly start 20 it on that date and then see where we go from there. 21 MR. HYMAN: Okay. I should step back for a 22 moment, Your Honor, and mention that on the phone we have 23 Malcolm Cohen, who is one of the two joint administrators in 24 the case.

All right.

THE COURT:

MR. HYMAN: And is the declarant in connection with the first day pleadings. We also have Sam Dingle from Ogier who is counsel to the joint administrator's resident in Guernsey to the extent Your Honor had any questions regarding Guernsey law. THE COURT: All right. And with that -- thank you very much for that. Is there anybody else, beyond those two individuals that have already been identified, who's on the telephone for this case? All right. MR. HYMAN: Okay. So before we finalize the scheduling, I would like to comment, to Malcolm Cohen, who would be, presumably, required to come over for purposes of the deposition, perhaps, or live testimony, depending on how things play out. So before we finalize the scheduling, we'd like to confirm with our joint administrator who has to --THE COURT: All right. That's fine. MR. HYMAN: -- travel many miles to get here.

THE COURT: I was just throwing out some dates, and I thought that would be an appropriate date for purposes of giving you time for notice, while at the same time trying to steer clear of some other things on my calendar that are of uncertain duration at this point.

So I have -- currently have some other hearings earlier that -- well, I won't bore you with the details. So we'll throw that out and we'll put in a pin that for the

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Page 10 1 moment and return back to it in a minute. 2 MR. HYMAN: Yeah, I think we'd recommended July 3 11th, so I imagine that July 10th works --4 THE COURT: All right. 5 MR. HYMAN: -- perfectly well, but we'd just want 6 to confirm. 7 THE COURT: Okay. Great. 8 MR. HYMAN: We had submitted, as I mentioned, the 9 declaration of Malcolm Cohen, in support of various first 10 day pleadings, in addition to ultimate recognition. You may 11 note, if you had an opportunity to review that, Mr. Cohen's 12 declaration does cite to an affidavit of, I'm sorry, it's 13 Peter Driver --14 THE COURT: right. 15 MR. HYMAN: -- who was one of the members of the board of the directors of BSG Resources. And it submitted 16 17 that paper in connection with its administrator order in 18 Guernsey. Under the terms of the Guernsey order, those --19 20 that declaration was submitted in camera and remains under 21 seal. While certain of the information that is contained in 22 that declaration has been made public since that date, there 23 is no authorization, from the court in Guernsey, to release it. There is some additional information that remains 24 25 subject to some commercial sensitivity. And we had

suggested here, Your Honor, with our motion to file under seal, that for the benefit of the Court, we would file that under seal so that to the extent that there is anything that you need in reference to the declaration from Malcolm Cohen, or otherwise, you would have it, but beyond that we didn't intend to share it with any other parties in connection with the case.

THE COURT: So it's the declaration of Malcolm Cohen, which is at Docket Number 9, will be public and it would be the exhibit that's the affidavit of Peter Harold Driver, and the exhibits to that which is sealed in the court in Guernsey and that you're seeking a sealing order today?

MR. HYMAN: That's correct, Your Honor. You will notice that we did make certain references in the Malcolm Cohen declaration. Those were -- that's information that is -- that's clearly public and we weren't concerned about it. You will note, in connection with our motion, our sealing motion, we had also attached an email correspondence, because it was very late, an email correspondence from the court clerk in Guernsey who acknowledged that it was fine for us to file this under seal with your court -- with this court.

THE COURT: All right. So does it make sense to take these one at a time and hear from all parties, or does

Page 12 1 it make sense for you to just complete your presentation and 2 then hear from other parties after you go through 3 everything? 4 MR. HYMAN: Whatever is your preference, Your 5 Honor. 6 MS. SCHWEITZER: Your Honor, Lisa Schweitzer. 7 Sorry to rise in the middle, but it's worth just a sentence 8 to not bury the lede. This is going to be a contested 9 matter. We are going to contest (indiscernible), we're going 10 to contest the sealing, we're going to contest the TRO. And 11 it's all one big story, so we're happy to let him go and then we can go. 12 13 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. That's sort of 14 what I was trying to, inartfully, get at as we went forward. 15 All right. 16 MS. SCHWEITZER: Diplomatically. 17 THE COURT: All right. So that's the request on 18 the TRO. And my -- I'm sorry, on the sealing. My question for sealing is I couldn't quite tell the basis for sealing. 19 20 I understood that it's under seal in Guernsey, but I 21 couldn't quite tell what the basis for that was. 22 So I think we all know that there's certain 23 jurisdictions where if you're going to file something, it actually is filed under seal and you need approval to get it 24 unsealed. Certainly in the United States people can ask to 25

Page 13 1 file something under seal, meaning, essentially that they've 2 asserted the equity. Other times, again, it's sort of a 3 court saying we handle proceedings this way. And I couldn't quite figure out what the -- sort of the -- putting aside 4 5 that it's under seal in Guernsey for a second, what the law 6 was that was the basis for this sealing. 7 MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, I confess that I don't 8 know the answer to that. We do have Sam Dingle on the 9 phone, through, who is counsel in Guernsey and may be able 10 to give you some better color on that. From our 11 perspective, given the fact that it was under seal, we, though abundance of caution, filed this with, along with the 12 13 sealing motion, certain of this information, certainly as 14 you can read in connection with the list of the descriptive 15 -- of the exhibits --16 THE COURT: Right. And there's a huge --17 MR. HYMAN: -- is not --18 THE COURT: -- I mean, there's a huge stack of 19 stuff. 20 MR. HYMAN: Yes. 21 THE COURT: So I can't confess to have done a 22 careful study of it. But I think the second binder is that 23 declaration, and then the exhibits to that. And I can't 24 begin to put a -- although I quess there are page numbers on 25 it on the bottom, and I think it's over a thousand pages.

So certainly -- but there was a motion of commercially sensitive information and certain to the extent that that's what's being invoked, that is very similar to the test here in the United States, right, that we have in the rules. If somebody says it would be damaging to the Debtors if that kind of commercial information, which is -- it would be anti-competitive to have it released. So I wasn't sure if there was -- you had any more information you could provide about that.

MR. HYMAN: There certainly are different disclosure obligations in connection with Guernsey and in connection with (indiscernible) there are documents that perhaps in the United States we wouldn't expect to be sealed from other creditors, but in Guernsey it's commonplace, including certain information regarding the financials of the company.

So as you look through the declaration, I don't want to take it page by page, but there is information on financials that simply is information that wouldn't have been disclosed in the Guernsey proceeding. And, you know, what we're trying to do here is effectively recognize that Guernsey proceeding and try to continue to enforce and abide by the rules of that proceeding, without expanding upon the (indiscernible).

THE COURT: So let me then go at this a slightly

different way, which is to say are the folks who are here today to be heard, who was and who wasn't a party -- or is or isn't a party in the Guernsey proceedings, such that they might have access to the information, or at least have an ability to seek the information in the Guernsey proceedings?

MR. HYMAN: I would venture to say that nobody, to my knowledge, has information in connection with that declaration that had been sealed. But again, that's to my knowledge. I don't think that this has been shared with any -- for the most part, with any creditors, except to the extent that it has subsequently become public.

THE COURT: All right. So then let me -- again, we might as well just sort of deal with these things as we go forward. So what is it that you're going to want me to take from the information that you provided to me about the Guernsey proceedings, which by that I mean the proceedings that are identified in the affidavit of Peter Harold Driver in the Royal Court of Guernsey, Ordinary Division In the Matter of BSG Resource Limited, and In the Matter of Part, I guess it's Roman Numeral 21 of the company's Guernsey Law 2008 and the affidavit and then all the documents that are attached? And that's -- and so the numbers contained on those are basically the numbers identified in this affidavit court sheet, which is basically an index.

MR. HYMAN: Yeah, I think I can make it relatively

Page 16 1 easy, Your Honor. We were submitting that largely so that 2 you had a reference point back to the declaration, when it 3 was citing the declaration, necessarily joint administrators 4 who have been appointed last March do not have all of that 5 information and don't have the background and history of 6 some of the activities of the Debtor, and were relying on 7 that affidavit in making some of the statements. We are not 8 seeking to admitting into evidence the Driver affidavit or 9 any of the documentation attached to the Driver affidavit. 10 To the extent that we were going to do so, we would do that 11 separately with Your Honor and we could have another 12 conversation about it. 13 THE COURT: All right. All right. So I guess we'll see where that leads us to. So that's one issue, one 14 15 of the three that you mentioned. So then I guess we might as well segue to the 16 17 request for temporary relief, which is styled as a TRO and 18 address that, and then we can talk about -- see whatever you 19 need to and want to put on the record. 20 MR. HYMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. I hope that 21 you did have an opportunity to read the declaration, which 22 sets forth --23 THE COURT: Yeah, no, I think I --24 MR. HYMAN: -- a little bit of the history. 25 THE COURT: -- it's safe to say I've read

Page 17 1 everything, but I can't claim to have gotten through the 2 exhibits --3 MR. HYMAN: Of course. THE COURT: -- that number some 1,000 pages that 4 5 are -- I think I got through the actual affidavit of Peter 6 Harold Driver, I didn't get through the attachments to it. 7 MR. HYMAN: If you had gotten through the 8 recitation and the arbitration award, I would have been very 9 impressed, Your Honor. We certainly understand. 10 THE COURT: I flipped through it, but, again, not 11 in a comprehensive way. 12 MR. HYMAN: Yeah. This is, Your Honor, a 13 relatively simple case, from our perspective, 14 notwithstanding the very complex facts that sit behind it. 15 The Debtors -- or the Debtor, BSG Resources was placed into 16 administration in March, 2018. For your benefit, Your 17 Honor, if you haven't read them already, copies of the 18 orders directing that administration, were attached as 19 Exhibit A to our verified petition. The company is a 20 relatively simple company at this point. 21 We do have attached, as Exhibit -- I believe it's 22 Exhibit B to the verified petition, a relatively simple structure chart which shows majority-owned entities to the 23 extent relevant in connection with the Debtor's capital 24 25 Would you like to take a second to flip to that structure.

Page 18 1 and we can go through that briefly? 2 THE COURT: I did take a look at that. Where is it -- where can I find it in the binder? 3 MR. HYMAN: That's in Tab 5. And I apologize that 4 5 we don't have separate tabs for the exhibits, but it's just 6 a few pages in. 7 THE COURT: Tab 5 in the first binder. All right. 8 Is it in the actual verified -- are you talking about --9 MR. HYMAN: Oh, yeah, Tab 5 which is the verified 10 petition. And then we attached a simple structure chart at 11 Exhibit B, which looks like it's --12 THE COURT: So it's a little bit of a ways in? 13 MR. HYMAN: Yeah, I apologize. 14 THE COURT: No, it's all right. Got it. 15 MR. HYMAN: And we can just look at this in 16 groups, generally. Let's -- we can start at BSG Resources 17 which is the Debtor in this case. You'll see that Nysco 18 Management Corporation is its parent and above that sits 19 Balda Foundation. 20 It is BSG Resources Limited that commenced this 21 Chapter 15. BSG Resources Limited, today, has very little 22 in the way of operating assets. If you look to the lefthand side of that chart, you'll see an entity called Octea 23 24 Limited. 25 THE COURT: All right.

MR. HYMAN: Octea Limited has a modest diamond mining activity. Their operations are located in the Republic of Sierra Leone. To this day, Octea Limited does not have the resources to funnel any money up to BSG Resources and while there is certainly a review, by the joint administrators, on how best to monetize that asset, at the moment it remains in its current state. The operations are being managed by its board of directors as well as a representative -- not a representative, an observer that was designated by the joint administrators.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. HYMAN: West African Power Limited was an entity pursuant to which the Debtor was engaged in some trading in energy-related matters in connection with the Federal Public of Nigeria. You'll note that that is a minority interest, ultimately, in the operating company in Nigeria. There continues to be, at this time, a dispute with its partner, the majority owner, regarding funding for the operations. And as we understand it, there is no revenues that are being generated out of that subsidiary.

BSG Resources (Guinea) Limited is where the action seems to be, Your Honor. So we'll come back to that in just one moment.

BSGR Holdings Cooperative, to the right, is an entity that the joint administrators are still

investigating. It may have some minority interests of nominal value, but to the extent that there is no plan to monetize those assets, to the extent that there is anything of material value to the estate -- to the estate, so to speak.

You'll notice, to the right, we have two dormant entities that are really irrelevant at that time -- at this time.

THE COURT: All right. So I guess you'll go back to BSG Resources (Guinea) Limited.

MR. HYMAN: So let's come back to Guinea. And to the extent that you had an opportunity to go through the declaration in any detail, you probably ferreted out a little bit of the story, so I don't want to provide an exhaustive history of where that stands today.

Let's start with the Debtor's cause of action in connection -- or against Soros and related entities, Willkie Farr's client in this case. The Debtors believe -- the Debtor believes, and the joint administrators believe that this contingent cause of action is likely the most valuable asset of the Debtor. It was commenced against George Soros and certain of those affiliates in the Southern District of New York. The complaint seeks damages in excess of \$10 million -- \$10 billion, the proceeds of which, to the extent realized, could be used to satisfy all the obligations of

the Debtor.

The complaint alleges causes of action in the nature of tortious interference with contract, fraud, misrepresentation, defamation, among other things. Each is generally in connection with the revocation of the Debtor's and other mining rights in Guinea. We have the courtroom today Michael Lazaroff from Reed Smith, who represents the Debtor in connection with that action against George Soros and additional affiliates, to the extent that there are any detailed questions that Your Honor might have with respect to the underlying cause of action.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. HYMAN: It was a revocation of these valuable mining rights that was described in Mr. Cohen's declaration that really triggered all of this. As a result of the revocation by the Republic of Guinea, back in 2004, the Debtors commenced an arbitration proceeding against the Republic of Guinea, with the International Center For Investment Disputes. In connection with that arbitration the Debtor sought restitution of the mining rights, plus certain damages in connection therewith.

The revocation stemmed from a change in power in Guinea, after the Debtor, and certain of its affiliates, had received the mining rights in connection with the valuable - a valuable lot. Among the Debtor's affiliates at that

time was a joint venture that the Debtor had with Vale S.A., Cleary Gottlieb's clients here in the courtroom today.

The arbitration with Guinea continues, although it has been held in abeyance in some respects, since I guess it was late July of last year, as settlement discussions have continued in some regard. There has been a non-binding agreement that had been entered into, effectively a term sheet, that is not a binding agreement and it continues to be subject to discussion in a manner in which, perhaps, could monetize this asset or these rights in favor of the Debtor where today they have very little.

In connection with that revocation, Vale commenced an arbitration in the London Court of International Arbitration, also, I believe, it was in 2014. That arbitration has recently included -- has recently concluded with an award in favor of Vale in access -- in excess of \$1.2 billion plus additional pre-award and post-award interests which could very easily bring the total amount of the award in excess of \$2 billion.

Since the issuance of the award on April 4th a number of things have happened. On April 23rd Vale filed a petition for recognition and enforcement of the award in the Southern District of New York. That is really the reason that we're here today, Your Honor. They seek entry of a judgment in the amount of the award, plus additional

interests, and costs. The entry of such a judgment would perhaps allow Vale to exercise rights and remedies with respect to its claim, or with respect to its judgment, in the United States. The Debtors believe, and joint administrator believes, that the only true asset in the United States is its contingent rights in the litigation claims that it has against George Soros and his affiliates.

In England, on May 9th, Vale obtained an order to enforce its award with the English High Court of Justice.

The next day, on May 10th, the Debtor filed a timely challenge to the award, similarly, with the High Court in Justice and thereafter, on May 23rd, the Debtor filed an application to set aside the May 9th enforcement order. We have been advised, by counsel in England, that the effect of that set aside motion is that Vale is now stayed from any enforcement action in England, pending final determination of the application. It's uncertain as to when that will come to pass.

This, however, would not stop Vale from exercising rights and remedies, perhaps in entering and obtaining the judgment in the United States, absent action in the U.S.

And that is the reason, ultimately, for the Chapter 15 filing, Your Honor. The Chapter 15 filing was made yesterday and we sought an expedited hearing on a TRO, Your Honor, because today happens to also be the last day by

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1	which the Debtor has to file a response in connection with
2	Vale's petition for recognition of the arbitration award in
3	the United States in order to, perhaps, continue the clock
4	and create additional proceedings and perhaps have an
5	opportunity for further review.
6	THE COURT: And that response would be in the case
7	in the Southern District of New York?
8	MR. HYMAN: That's correct, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: And what judge has that case?
LO	MS. SCHWEITZER: Your Honor, it's Judge Broderick.
L1	THE COURT: Thank you.
L2	MR. HYMAN: Thank you very much.
L3	THE COURT: It doesn't really matter, but actually
L <b>4</b>	it's just
L5	MS. SCHWEITZER: No, just to know.
L 6	THE COURT: the kind of detail that helps me
L 7	remember some of these things, so
L8	MR. HYMAN: Yeah, we appreciate that, Your Honor
L 9	and thank you very much.
20	So we come here today, Your Honor, to protect what
21	the joint administrators believe is perhaps the best
22	opportunity for these Debtors to reorganize or this
23	Debtor to
24	THE COURT: Well, let me just ask, why would the -
25	- this request stay your obligation to file a response in

front of Judge Broderick? I understand how it would -- is because you think that that case is sort of, at its core,
an effort at collection?

MR. HYMAN: It is a difficult standard to overcome, I believe that we are intending to file, we're certainly preparing papers and the expectation today is that we will make a filing at the end of the day. What we would like, in terms of a TRO, though, is to be able to submit something in connection with that action to at least delay further proceedings going forward so that the Debtors could save necessary resources, again, there is very little cash flow here, and perhaps put that off for a period of time while there is some determination that's ultimately made in connection with the underlying arbitration contestation in England.

THE COURT: Right. Well, I mean sometime what courts do for something like that is, say, you can do various things in that proceeding, I'm not going to weigh in on that, short of executing on assets, right? So -- but you anticipate filing that response today, it sounds like?

MR. HYMAN: It is, Your Honor. We do. It's unclear what the reaction is going to be from the court. We believe that it was going to schedule a subsequent hearing and the court will consider our motion for -- to revisit the matter.

Page 26 1 THE COURT: What do you mean "the reaction from 2 court"? It's probably pursuant to some scheduling order in 3 that court, right? MR. HYMAN: Yeah, is -- there may be -- I think 4 5 that there is a scheduling order in that court. 6 MR. BLACKMAN: Your Honor, Jonathan Blackman. 7 I've been involved in the arbitration and the subsequent 8 litigation from the outset, so I think I have the pleasure, 9 dubious though it may be, of having the greatest exposure to 10 this. 11 In the U.S. case Judge Broderick has the case. 12 Their answer is due today. We would have a period of time, 13 I guess until June 18th, to file a reply. At that point the 14 judge will decide how to proceed, whether to have a hearing, 15 whether to allow further briefing, et cetera. The important 16 thing is, and I think counsel is conceded it, nothing 17 detrimental to the estate is going to happen today or indeed 18 when we file a reply. And nothing is going to happen, of 19 consequence, until Judge Broderick actually rules on our 20 application, which is simply an application to have the 21 award recognized here. It's not an execution attempt, it's 22 not an attachment attempt, it's not an attempt to seize 23 assets --24 THE COURT: Right. It's another --25 MR. BLACKMAN: -- or anything like that.

Page 27 1 THE COURT: -- it's a step forward, though, in 2 terms of -- let me back up. The recognition would be a step forward but the filing itself is part of a judicial process. 3 MR. BLACKMAN: That's correct. 5 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 6 MR. HYMAN: Your Honor --7 THE COURT: The reason why I mention it is 8 because, obviously, when there's another proceeding pending 9 in federal court where there's a briefing deadline today, 10 there's always a concern that a judge like myself would have 11 about sticking my nose in the middle of that, without me 12 having gone to that court with some sort of explanation as 13 to why you're not -- I don't know how the deadlines were 14 set, I assume there's some sort of court order setting the 15 deadlines. 16 MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, we didn't -- nobody from 17 the joint administrators or the Debtor have participated in 18 that matter to date. So anything --THE COURT: Well, but if there's a court order and 19 20 you're -- so I don't know what that means. I mean, by 21 filing here I don't think there's any ability to say that 22 there's no jurisdiction over in that just up the street, 23 right? So that would mean that you're in a case that that 24 judge entered a scheduling order for whoever's request, so 25 it is what it is, what it is, right? So --

Page 28 1 MR. HYMAN: Okay. I think there was some concern 2 on our part that regardless of whether the motion was filed 3 or not, based on what the response ultimately turns out to be, that there could be an entry of a judgment at --4 THE COURT: 5 That -- I'm sorry, there could be 6 what? 7 MR. HYMAN: That there could be an entry of a 8 judgment at any time without any further opportunity to 9 revisit. 10 THE COURT: Was there any thought given to filing 11 a motion for a stay in that case? 12 MR. HYMAN: It's something that we could consider, 13 but no, we have not done it to date. 14 THE COURT: All right. 15 MR. HYMAN: Certainly, Your Honor, you know, I had 16 mentioned before that there is no operating revenue that is 17 coming up to this Debtor. This Debtor is being funded by 18 outside parties to the most part on tenuous terms. action -- the Soros action is being funded by an entity 19 20 called Litigation Solutions Limited, which has agreed to 21 fund certain of the costs and expenses of that litigation. 22 Certainly they would entitled to secured interest, a debt of 23 secured interest in any proceedings arising out of the 24 ultimate judgment. That funding obligation may be 25 terminated on 30 days' -- on 30 business days' notice.

utmost concern to the Debtors, Your Honor, is that adverse judgment in connection with the Southern District of New York recognition proceeding would have, or could have a detrimental impact on our ability to continue to get funds through that litigation funding source.

In the event that there was a termination or a determination by that funder to discontinue funding the costs and expenses of that Soros litigation, that would have a detrimental effect on the Debtor and, presumably, leave the Debtor without an opportunity to continue to pursue what is it's most -- what it believes to be its most valuable asset in these cases.

MS. SCHWEITZER: Your Honor, if I may?

THE COURT: Briefly.

MS. SCHWEITZER: I recognize -- I will allow him to proceed with his entire presentation, and I will try to reserve my comments. Everything he has just said about litigation funding and the contingencies and the effect on the TRO is nowhere in the motion papers or the record. And we do not have access to those litigation agreements. So I can address that in my -- when I speak in opposition, but I would ask that we at least be, in our arguments, constrained that the motion forward to the evidence is actually before

MR. HYMAN: Okay. I did, Your Honor. Certainly

the Court.

Page 30 1 the reference to Litigation Solutions funding is in the 2 declaration of Malcolm Cohen. 3 THE COURT: So what does that mean, in terms of 4 you say that there -- this is an asset of the Debtor, but 5 its a pledged asset. So who benefits from the lawsuit? 6 MR. HYMAN: The Debtor would certainly benefit 7 from the lawsuit, above any costs and expenses that had been 8 funded by litigation funding. Right? It may be --9 THE COURT: What's their security interest? 10 their limited to the amount they funded at --11 MR. HYMAN: It's the commercial --12 THE COURT: -- I mean, they obviously have a 13 profit model, so how do they make their money? So I'm --14 MR. HYMAN: Presumably it's their commercial --15 it's a commercial tort claim. Right? The proceeds, 16 ultimately, from any settlement or judgment. 17 THE COURT: No, no, I understand that. But I'm 18 trying to figure out the extent of their lien. So 19 certainly, if they funded you a hundred dollars, they're not 20 simply asking to get back a hundred dollars, because you 21 don't make any money with that. So certainly their rights 22 are more valuable than that. So what are their rights as --23 in terms of the secured interest in the proceeds? 24 MR. HYMAN: Yeah, I would have to go back and take 25 a look at that, Your Honor. I don't know that we have all

Page 31 1 of that --2 Because, I mean --THE COURT: 3 MR. HYMAN: Yep. 4 THE COURT: -- they could say you get five percent 5 and we get everything else. I don't know what that is, 6 because it does raise a question as to whose benefit --7 whose asset it really is if it's pledged. So -- but it 8 doesn't sound like we have a particular robust record on any 9 of this, so let's not get bogged down in it. But that --10 the extent of the Debtor's interest in that, if you have a 11 litigation funder, certainly is something we'll eventually, 12 I assume, get to. 13 All right. So what else would you like to tell 14 me? 15 MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, I recognize that we do not 16 have the declarant in the court today. 17 THE COURT: Yeah, again, I think I got a call 18 saying can we have the declarant participate by phone, and I 19 think I asked my chambers to say what I usually say, which 20 is sort of caveat emptor. I don't really know what's going 21 to walk into court and what it means or doesn't mean to have 22 somebody here, you all do. And so I can't take evidence by 23 phone. And so I have what I have today. I certainly have 24 no objection to somebody listening in, but I -- taking 25 evidence by phone is not something we do here, so I guess

Page 32 1 that's -- we are where we are for purposes of today. 2 MR. HYMAN: Okay, Your Honor. From our 3 perspective, I think that what we would hope to accomplish 4 today is get a short bridging order to sometime next week or 5 in the very near future to have a robust hearing on the TRO, 6 which would take us through a recognition hearing on or 7 about July 10th, as Your Honor suggested. 8 THE COURT: But what would you want the TRO to 9 say? 10 MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, I think that what we would 11 want the TRO to say is that parties are effectively subject 12 to what otherwise would be the automatic stay for purposes 13 of --14 THE COURT: Well, but let's be --15 MR. HYMAN: -- of that interim period. 16 THE COURT: -- more specific, though, because we 17 have the case in SDNY. Are you asking me to say -- to tell 18 that court it can't proceed and therefore you don't have to 19 file a brief, that's otherwise due today? 20 MR. HYMAN: We do intend to file the brief today. 21 So --22 THE COURT: All right. So you're not asking for 23 that relief. So what are you asking for in connection with 24 that proceeding? 25 We would ask that the proceeding at MR. HYMAN:

that point then stall for some period of time, subject to our ability to come back to this Court and have a fulsome hearing, with evidence, on the TRO in an effort to provide this Court the justification that we can go forward and that there should be no judgment entered in connection with that proceeding. And that Vale should be restricted from exercising any rights and remedies that it may have. We think that is the comfort that we could provide to the funders, the litigation funders, that could perhaps allow this to continue to --

THE COURT: So where's the reference to the litigation funders in the papers? I remember seeing something, but I don't remember it being particularly detailed.

MR. HYMAN: It's certainly not fulsome, Your Honor, but it was contained in Paragraph 31.

THE COURT: All right. I guess I was -- I'm a little confused, because I was looking at Paragraph 30 that says, "The (indiscernible) claim is docketed in the district court as BSG Resources Limited vs. Soros. The Soros claim, including discoveries presently stayed pending the outcome of the ICSID proceeding, and a status conference is scheduled in the district court on July 18th serving the next step in the litigation," which -- so I took from that paragraph a strikingly different understanding of the

Page 34 1 district court proceeding than what you just told me. 2 would seem to say that there's a briefing schedule and you 3 think, absent some relief, something could happen and your rights could be affected tomorrow. 4 5 MR. HYMAN: I think we're talking about the --6 different litigations. The Soros claim is the Debtor's 7 claim against George Soros and his affiliates. The claim 8 that we were talking about in connection with the briefing 9 was not the claim, it was Vale's petition to have the 10 arbitration award --11 THE COURT: But what would be --12 MR. HYMAN: -- recognized here. 13 THE COURT: -- what else is there to do with the 14 Soros claim, other than to get it enforced here in the U.S.? 15 MR. HYMAN: We would -- yeah, the stay would have 16 nothing to do with the Soros claim, the stay -- the Soros 17 claim would continue to be pursued. That's, again, when the 18 joint administrators see significant value in this estate. 19 It is that pursuit of the Soros claim that is funded by 20 Litigation Solutions. 21 The concern that we have had is that Litigation 22 Solutions, to the extent that there is some concern about 23 interference with the litigation --24 THE COURT: So what is it that's stayed? 25 Oh, I apologize, Your Honor. MR. HYMAN:

Page 35 1 Because it says, "The Soros claim, THE COURT: 2 including discoveries presently stayed." 3 MR. HYMAN: Yes. 4 THE COURT: So what is it that's stayed? 5 MR. HYMAN: They are at the motion to dismiss 6 stage in connection with the Soros claim. The district 7 court stayed the action pending resolution of the Guinean 8 arbitration. The arbitration in the Republic of Guinea has 9 gotten to the stage where they are involved in settlement 10 discussions. The settlement conference that's scheduled for 11 the end of July in the Soros claim will be an opportunity to 12 -- for the parties to address, in front of the judge, 13 restarting discovery, to the extent that that's something 14 that is of interest to everybody. 15 THE COURT: So what -- where is the term "Soros 16 claim" -- so that's defined, I guess, in Paragraph 28? 17 MR. HYMAN: Yes, that -- the Soros claim is what I 18 referred to earlier as the cause of action that was commenced in the Southern District of New York seeking 19 20 damages in excess of \$10 billion. 21 THE COURT: All right. So all there is about the 22 action that you really want the stay of is Paragraph 26 23 saying it's docketed and they're seeking recognition? 24 MR. HYMAN: That's correct, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: All right. So --

Page 36 1 MR. HYMAN: The Soros claim is an asset of the 2 estate, not a liability. 3 THE COURT: All right. Right. All right. No, I'm looking at it from district court proceedings, trying to 4 5 understand what's where, what relief you're asking for. So 6 when you're describing the briefing schedule that requires 7 you to file a brief today, and your concern about that case 8 moving forward, you're talking about the district court 9 action in Paragraph 26. 10 MR. HYMAN: Indeed, Your Honor. 11 THE COURT: And so that really would be additional 12 texts, in a perfect would that would be in Paragraph 26, 13 because I don't think I had that information that you just 14 gave me until today, until just today's hearing. 15 MR. HYMAN: I'm not sure I follow. 16 THE COURT: Meaning, I don't think in the papers 17 it's identified that you have an obligation to file a brief 18 today in that district court proceeding discussed in 19 Paragraph 26, and that that's the proceeding that you want 20 the stay of because you think it could, conceivably, result 21 in the -- entering an order -- entering a judgment of the 22 arbitration? 23 MR. HYMAN: Yes. As you say that, Your Honor, it 24 certainly could have been clearer, but that's correct. 25 All right. What else do you want to THE COURT:

tell me?

MR. HYMAN: I think that, you know, we believe that we meet the merits -- we meet the standards for entry of a temporary restraining order. I recognize, of course, that we do need to get additional evidence in, or evidence in, and allow parties an opportunity to cross examine.

THE COURT: Well, that's why I asked, because I don't think the statements you made here I have any evidence for. That's where I'm trying to sort of tether things to various parts of the declaration, because I think I just have the existence of the judgment. But -- I'm sorry, the existence of the -- of that particular 2019 district court proceeding. But for irreparable harm the notion would be -- explain what the status is of that proceeding such that there's a need for some sort of stay, otherwise irreparable harm would occur. I think I just had the existence of the proceeding as a matter of evidence, in Paragraph 26.

MR. HYMAN: I appreciate that, Your Honor. You know, I think that counsel has acknowledged the time line on -- for Cleary. I think it's -- I do not have evidence in the declaration of the timing of service and therefore the triggering of the answer period.

THE COURT: Well, I don't mean service, I mean that there's a -- in your view that there's a pending potential event that could occur in that case that would

Page 38 1 result in irreparable harm. 2 That was -- and the date was triggered 3 off of the service of BSG in Guernsey, and that's the 4 service that I was referring to. 5 THE COURT: All right. Anything else that you 6 would like to tell me about? 7 MR. HYMAN: I would just reserve an opportunity to 8 respond. 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 MR. HYMAN: Thank you. 11 THE COURT: Thank you. 12 Please, counsel. 13 MS. SCHWEITZER: Thank you, Your Honor. For the 14 record, Lisa Schweitzer from Cleary Gottlieb, representing 15 Vale. 16 I think that the one thing, probably the only 17 thing that we agree on with Debtor's counsel, which has been 18 said today, which is that this seems simple, but it's very 19 complex in fact. 20 And the joint administrators have filed this 21 Chapter 15 case and they, unsurprisingly, seek to portray it 22 as a plain vanilla recognition proceeding to further valid 23 Guernsey administration proceeding, they've got a joint administrator, they've got all this, and it's just simply 24 25 not the case this is straightforward.

And if you'll indulge me in walking through a little of the history, I will try to stay to the facts that are in front of Your Honor and facts that are not in dispute and to take the issues in turn. As I previewed for Your Honor, Vale thinks that this Chapter 15 is flat out being brought in bad faith and to further evade the prosecution of the arbitral award, and to further the Debtor's history of holding on to assets and secreting assets. And, as we'll go into along the way, that there's a lot of reference to the corporations here, there's not a reference to the ultimate owners of the corporation, which is a man named, and I apologize if I get his name wrong, but I believe it's Benny

MR. BLACKMAN: Steinmetz.

MS. SCHWEITZER: -- Steinmetz. And he is, and his family are the ultimate beneficiaries of the trust that sits on top of the org chart. That's nowhere in the record, and the corporate ownership disclosures, the 10 percent ownership disclosures actually stop at the foundation level so that is one of many things that this application raises questions about. To --

THE COURT: So let me -- I'll certainly let you sort of lay it out, but towards the end what I'd appreciate is your road map for today and further proceedings. In particular, if they're going to file a brief today in the

district court proceeding, and there are other things to do in the district court proceeding, whether there's some sort of ability to have kind of an interim agreement where people can do what they need to do, but they don't -- they allow me a chance to sort through some things. But again, I'll give you a chance to sort of walk through the history.

MS. SCHWEITZER: Of course, Your Honor. Again, I always promise to try to tell you where I'm going, so I'll tell you where I'm going, and then I will tell you how I'll get there.

We, first with respect to the recognition hearing itself, as I indicated, we do intend to object to this as a recognized foreign main proceeding. And in furtherance of that we do intend to serve discovery and we don't have to do it in the courtroom today, but we recognize that that discovery will need to be expeditious and according to a tight schedule, or an efficient schedule, such that we can complete that by July 10th. We would not be inclined to ask for a later hearing because, again, we think these issues should be brought forward, not later.

But with respect to that first issue of putting a marker on the calendar, July 10th or there, you know, as a start to that hearing would be fine.

With respect to the TRO, we share the concerns that Your Honor shares, both in terms of -- and we -- I'll

make the case, rather than rely on the questions you've thrown out. But we do share the concerns that the TRO order simply now said -- I believe he had just misspoken. I think he's looking for a TRO pending a preliminary injunction hearing and then a preliminary injunction under the application is proposed to extend until the final hearing. And the papers, the TRO papers just says the application is granted. But when you look under that, the relief being sought is against the stay of -- against execution of assets against the Debtors, you know, a heightened standard. then also, a bring forward or a gap fill, people have different names for it, of 362, that you just get, basically, the automatic stay in its entirety today. that was the application put before you. And I believe that that is -- we could go through the order again, but that is what he is asking for.

We do not believe that that TRO should be, at all, applicable to the Vale Southern District proceeding, both because of a failure for them to even making the showings or put in evidence that's relevant. Second, they don't even argue, in their motion, or application, that that filing deadline today is the irreparable injury that they're concerned about. In fact, they don't mention today's filing deadline anywhere in any paper that's been submitted before Your Honor. But more importantly, we don't think that

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Case 1:19-cv-03619-VSB Document 26-8 Filed 06/18/19 Page 43 of 121 Page 42 1 that's consistent with the law on why you get TROs prior to 2 the recognition of your case, so I'll go through that. 3 On the sealing motion --THE COURT: Well, one of the things I'm interested 5 in, again, we learn these cases as we go. 6 MS. SCHWEITZER: Yeah. 7 THE COURT: I've got -- there's a judge who has a 8 proceeding up the street and depending on what the schedule 9 is with that, it is often preferable to try to work out a 10 practical solution if, in fact, people think but haven't 11 memorialized the notion that nothing's going to happen in 12 that case between now and whenever we might get together 13 here to discuss things, that will actually result in any 14 irreparable harm to the Debtor in terms of the seizing of 15 There may be a way to avoid fighting about that 16 particular point today and so that I can get papers from you 17 all and anybody else who's interested and then consider this 18 on a more fulsome record. So I'm just trying to think of practical 19 20 solutions. I don't think filing a brief, which frankly there's no explanation of what it is that wants to be stayed 21

in connection with that particular case, and certainly filing a brief which clearly has already been drafted, because folks are ready to file it today, it's already 3:15, so I assume it is drafted, doesn't seem to present any --

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doesn't seem to be a basis for me granting a TRO where no one has filed any request to stay those proceedings. And so there seems to be an element of tactics to that that I don't want to get in the middle of.

But my question is, whether as a practical matter, whatever the next step are in that litigation, if there is a way for people to agree and to inform this Court and that court to say, we've worked out the schedule so that we're -- this is what we're teeing up, and this is where we're teeing it up, and that there won't be any issues that are going to implicate concerns about execution of assets in the meantime, because frankly we weren't ready to get to that part of the program, that may be a practical solution to at least today's problem. So --

MS. SCHWEITZER: So, Your Honor, I completely agree with what you said, and just to address that, in part just to make sure the record is clear, is that the original TRO motion is a broad motion for all sorts of stays. We hear the Debtor's articulate a concern, not in the record, is a filing deadline today or that that proceeding goes beyond today. They said, I'm going to file today, it's the concerns that go beyond today.

My understanding is a motion is not due today with

-- the deadline today is for them to answer the petition for
recognition. I do not purport to be a recognition expert

Page 44 1 and I would not impose on you to be, either. 2 THE COURT: But it's the equivalent of an answer. 3 MS. SCHWEITZER: So it's an answer -- they say 4 they're filing a motion, I reserve all rights --5 THE COURT: As Judge Bryant said, an answer is the 6 most useless piece of paper in a litigation. And while that 7 8 MS. SCHWEITZER: It's --9 THE COURT: -- may vary somewhat from case to case 10 11 MS. SCHWEITZER: Yes. 12 MR. BLACKMAN: Your Honor, I am a "recognition 13 expert" and arbitration. The way it works in arbitration, 14 under the Federal Arbitration Act is you start a proceeding 15 by what's called the petition. 16 THE COURT: Petition. 17 MR. BLACKMAN: The petition is like a complaint, 18 but it's also a brief. You actually file something which doesn't really recite facts, it gives you the legal 19 20 arguments. What they're going to file this afternoon, I 21 assume, is the response to that, which will be a brief 22 setting forth their defenses, under the New York Convention, 23 as to why this award should not be recognized. You even get 24 a reply, which I mentioned I think due on the 10th, which 25 will be a reply brief. After that it's up to Judge

Broderick what he wants to do, but the clear thing is he's not going to do anything before July 10. He's not going to enter into any judgments or do anything like that. He will have a fully briefed motion, he'll decide what to do with it. And if, by some miracle, he were to grant it, we'd be back before you before the date of execution or anything like that. So the short answer is, we're just dealing with briefing now. That's the only thing that's happening in the New York recognition proceeding.

THE COURT: All right.

MS. SCHWEITZER: And so on that -- and Debtor's counsel had made references, and again I don't want to litigate collateral issues, they're saying they might be seeking stay, or adjournments, or have other relief being sought there, that's not what we're aware of is the deadline. That is not something we're asking you to resolve or opine on today.

THE COURT: Well, I -- so just to cut to the chase, I know we're having an ongoing discussion, but you're trying to do this as official as possible. I need a record. Right? So that's why I was spending time trying to anchor various things to various parts of the declaration. That's the way it works. And while a TRO -- while irreparable harm is the biggest factor for courts to consider for a TRO, it's not the only factor. And certainly a preliminary

injunction, which is often combined with a hearing on the merits, sort of goes through the whole thing and you need a record to establish various things which may or may not be relevant to things like bonds and other -- all sorts of other issues.

So what I hear articulated -- the motion doesn't articulate much. Usually when people come in they tell me, we have this asset, this is the -- so Alitalia came in and said, we have planes, and they fly through JFK, and if we don't have some interim relief there's a possibility somebody may self-help, notwithstanding our Italian proceedings and try to seize those planes. That's sort of a very straightforward thing, and I just mentioned sort of the level set.

Here, I understand the asset is this litigation right, this Soros claim. The Soros claim proceedings, which are, I guess, 2017 District Court action, is essentially stayed, and there's some details about that.

The other thing relating to that -- well, not relating to that -- separate from that is that you've got this arbitration. This is the \$1.2 billion. This, I guess, is a concern that this will go forward and mature during the course of the Chapter 15, absent some release. That's what I understand is really the request that's being made is to say we don't want that to happen.

I don't have a lot on the record here other than the existence of this 2019 District Court action. But what people seem to be telling me, and it doesn't seem to be disputed, which sort of fills in the picture for both sides, is what the briefing schedule is for that. And that doesn't seem to be anything where there's any peril to anyone between now and July 10th.

I suppose the first peril could be July 11th at 12:01 AM, if Judge Broderick was sitting in his chambers and thought that that would be the first thing he wanted to get off his to do list on that particular day. Procedurally, that is something he could do. But that does -- since today is June 4th, that does give us some time to figure out which end is up for pieces of the Chapter 15. And if everybody understands that that's how it's going to work and we sort of address than on the record, that may be something that allows us to conduct other briefing and figure out what, if any, relief would be appropriate between now and any date of recognition.

MR. HYMAN: I was going to say, Your Honor, that you've really cut to the chase. And I think that you really do understand what the concern of this Chapter 15 Debtor is. It's really the adverse consequences from the entry of an award acknowledging the arbitration award in the U.K.

THE COURT: But I think everyone agrees that such

Page 48 1 an award would not take place before -- until after the 2 replies filed. And so, there's no intent, and I haven't 3 heard any, to do something out of regular order where Vale 4 would say, well, we're not going to file a reply, we'll file 5 a letter. As soon you file your thing saying, Judge, we 6 don't need a reply, we unilaterally win. 7 So, essentially, I'll take the representations in 8 front of me to mean that there is no potential for any entry 9 of a judgment recognizing the arbitration award before the 10 briefing is completed on July 10th, and therefore, we can 11 all at least not worry about that issue for purposes of 12 today's proceeding. 13 I think, Your Honor, if we could get MR. HYMAN: 14 that representation from Cleary Gottlieb, that would --15 THE COURT: I think I did, but --16 MR. HYMAN: -- that would go --17 THE COURT: -- but --18 MR. HYMAN: -- that would a long --19 THE COURT: -- but --20 MR. HYMAN: -- that would go a long way to allay 21 our concerns. 22 I think I just did, but --THE COURT: 23 MR. BLACKMAN: Yeah, just to make it clear -- and 24 I may have gotten my dates a little middle -- our reply 25 brief would be due on June 18th.

Page 49 1 THE COURT: June 18th. All right, so that's a 2 different date. Okay. 3 MR. BLACKMAN: And the Soros case, just again so 4 the record is clear, has been stayed for a year. The next 5 hearing on that is July 18. So, in between that, you're 6 going to have our hearing --7 THE COURT: Right. 8 MR. BLACKMAN: -- on July 10th. And --9 MS. SCHWEITZER: No. 10 MR. BLACKMAN: No --11 MS. SCHWEITZER: Well, the June 18th --12 THE COURT: No. So, June 18th --13 MR. BLACKMAN: No. In between June 18 and July --14 there are two separate proceedings. 15 THE COURT: So, that means that there's two weeks. 16 MS. SCHWEITZER: So --17 THE COURT: That changes the calculus. I'm trying 18 -- so here's what I'm trying to do. And I may ask folks to 19 work backwards on this rather than think about... I mean, I 20 have a fairly sketchy record. So, but rather than correct 21 litigation mischief for people, regardless of whether you 22 win or lose, my thought would be to try to work out a 23 schedule here to deal with any requests for injunctive 24 relief after today, with an understanding that perhaps you're going to -- you could memorialize with this Court and 25

Page 50 1 with the District Court that you're not asking for any entry 2 of a judgment, recognize the arbitration award before X 3 date, so we could essentially deal with our briefing. I'm not going to ask you for that date now. 4 I'11 5 give you a few minutes to chat and see what you can live 6 with; chat with clients, chat with each other. I don't want 7 to do anything that's going to add another litigation issue 8 to address. And June 18th is a little --9 MS. SCHWEITZER: I'm sorry. 10 THE COURT: That's all right. The reason why I 11 mentioned it's June 18th, which is two weeks from now, I'm 12 around next week. I'm supposed to be camping on an island 13 in Lake George on the week of June 17th. 14 Oh, we're jealous. MR. HYMAN: 15 THE COURT: That has not meant in the past that 16 I'm unreachable for business. 17 18 MR. HYMAN: No, that's all right --19 THE COURT: So, what I'd like to do is give you a 20 few moments in a little bit to talk about scheduling and 21 maybe you have a way to handle it. There are times when 22 essentially folks can give away ice in the winter and say, 23 we're fine, we don't think anything's going to happen by 24 this date but we're happy to put it on the record and let

everybody sort of tee up the issues that need to be teed up.

Page 51 1 MS. SCHWEITZER: I heard everything you said. 2 because I'm a mom, I actually can like talk with -- you 3 know, and listen and --4 THE COURT: That means you probably could throw in 5 a few more participants. 6 MS. SCHWEITZER: There you go. I think someone 7 was talking behind me that -- I have a proposal, if I may. 8 THE COURT: Sure. All right. 9 MS. SCHWEITZER: So, as I understand it -- and I 10 just want the record to be clear because people are saying 11 different things -- is that today the deadline is this 12 response to the petition. 13 THE COURT: Right. 14 MS. SCHWEITZER: And Debtors' counsel is 15 representing they are filing --16 THE COURT: Right. 17 MS. SCHWEITZER: -- a response --18 THE COURT: Yes. 19 MS. SCHWEITZER: -- to the petition; nothing 20 different. Our reply is due --21 MR. BLACKMAN: June 18th. 22 MS. SCHWEITZER: -- June 18th. And we would 23 propose that if they will file their response today, we will 24 file our reply on June 18th. And assuming we are proceeding 25 with that schedule and everyone's in agreement with that, we

Page 52 1 would be prepared to ask -- or to tell that court, ask that 2 court -- however we phrase it -- that they don't issue a 3 ruling judgment --4 THE COURT: Right. 5 MS. SCHWEITZER: -- before July 10th or 11th. 6 THE COURT: All right. 7 MS. SCHWEITZER: Right? So, if that would work. 8 And then if it's not that and there needs to be preliminary 9 relief, we are prepared to do so, but we would want 10 discovery on these different points that -- you know, these 11 arguments we're hearing about agreements and all these other 12 things. 13 MR. HYMAN: We understand that, Your Honor. 14 think that we're just trying to confirm with our arbitration 15 expert, who's not in the courtroom today, that we're talking 16 about the right things and the paper is going to be filed 17 today. I don't know that it's called an answer or a 18 response. 19 MR. BLACKMAN: It's called -- it's an "answer" 20 but because, as I said, under the Arbitration Act, a 21 petition to confirm is treated like a motion, it's 22 essentially an opposition brief. 23 THE COURT: Right. 24 MR. BLACKMAN: It'll set forth -- there are legal 25 grounds and factual grounds opposing the recognition of the

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1	award, and we will reply on the 18th with why their grounds
2	don't work, et cetera, and the judge will then decide. And
3	the only wrinkle in that is that we just, I think, agreed
4	that we will tell the judge, don't do that
5	THE COURT: Please don't do that. Yeah.
6	MR. BLACKMAN: don't rule on that until you've
7	heard us on the 10th of July.
8	THE COURT: Right.
9	MR. BLACKMAN: And that's simple and
10	straightforward.
11	THE COURT: Right. And right, we're trying to be
12	solicitous of different court processes without adding that
13	to our list of litigation items to duke it out. Right.
14	MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, I think that would save a
15	lot of cost and expense for both parties. Resources are
16	precious for us. So, that seems to be a solution that would
17	work.
18	MS. SCHWEITZER: Okay. And just so we're clear,
19	because we like solutions, is that we understand then there
20	is no request for pre-recognition injunctive relief at all.
21	That motion is withdrawn.
22	MR. HYMAN: I think this
23	MS. SCHWEITZER: Or that's resolved. Yes.
24	MR. HYMAN: This solution resolves that and
25	MS. SCHWEITZER: Okay.

Page 54 1 MR. HYMAN: -- again, I think it saves significant 2 cost and expense. 3 MS. SCHWEITZER: Okay. 4 MR. HYMAN: -- and perhaps save a trip to the 5 United States for one of our joint administrators. 6 MS. SCHWEITZER: Okay. It's a lovely time to be 7 in the U.S. So, well done. We can agree on things. 8 THE COURT: Well, thank you. I appreciate that. 9 Again, because regardless of how people fare if I 10 (indiscernible) as a matter of a litigation matter, it could 11 very easily result in collateral litigation, more time, more 12 expense, more briefing. And I'm trying to avoid that. If 13 in fact -- which is likely the case -- that Judge Broderick 14 probably has a very long list of things to do, and while 15 he'll turn to it quickly, that the odds of him dealing with 16 it between June 19th and July 10th are probably relatively 17 small. So, all right. And then that way, we can move on. 18 So, all right. So, we can return in a few minutes 19 to talking about scheduling and discovery, but I know you 20 were sort of talking bigger picture. 21 MS. SCHWEITZER: Right. 22 THE COURT: And I don't think you had finished 23 that. So, let --24 MS. SCHWEITZER: No, it's --25 Why don't you do that? THE COURT:

MS. SCHWEITZER: It's perfect and it's a perfect transition. So, I will. In my -- we want at the end -- we can cross off TROs and PI points, which is nice -- and then I would take -- I do want to give you our side of the color of the larger proceedings so you understand what's going to be contested.

I will start by saying a couple of words and getting to the sealing question right away, because I think that is a gating issue. So, as the Debtors have told you, I don't know what is in Binder Number 2. I guess they'd given you this Driver affidavit.

THE COURT: Yes.

MS. SCHWEITZER: That's nice. That's one. And so, that -- our understanding is when the administration proceeding was opened in Guernsey, there was one affidavit filed, and it is the Driver affidavit. It is not one of 10 affidavits to support that application. It's not, you know, partially under seal. It was filed under seal and it was never unsealed in any way. And I don't think it's a question for today and I don't purport to be a Guernsey counsel. My understanding is it's not the practice with every single case, everything 100 percent is filed under seal, but that's probably a question for another day. But it goes to this isn't just like there is a European law that requires everything to be under seal. That's not the world

we're living in.

So, regardless, the Guernsey proceeding was commenced. And I'll go through the rest of that proceeding, with the lack of activity in that proceeding, a little bit after this. But the Driver affidavit was sealed. Then they filed in this court their motion to maintain it under seal under Section 107. And notwithstanding Debtors' counsel saying, well, it's not really all confidential, probably some of this can be unsealed, the order that they present for the Court to consider is to have the entirety of the document sealed for the entirety -- it shall remain under seal until the conclusion of this case.

And there's a couple issues with that, is number one, as Your Honor noted, they haven't made any showing with regard to commercial sensitivity. I believe that the application itself --

THE COURT: Well, I also know that I've been pointed to the authority and basis upon which it was sealed in Guernsey, right? So, it's one thing to say -- and I've had cases where folks have come in and somebody's made the following representation, everyone said, yeah, that's right -- under the rules of that court, these are sealed proceedings and we cannot -- we all agree we cannot submit these documents without seeking some sort of relief from that court.

Now, usually what those are are court filings and proceedings in that court. So, if somebody wants a transcript, they aren't necessarily underlying documents. And so, that's where this also seems to be different. I'm not -- even if you had a rule about these proceedings are under seal, I don't think -- this is not a transcript of those proceedings. These are things relating to the Debtor, which again, if you -- I don't want a bootstrapping problem where somebody said, we're asking to seal it in Guernsey, we have a fairly low threshold under the law in Guernsey, and they say, okay, fine, we don't care one way or the other, and then have to come to the United States and say, by the way, they sealed it in Guernsey at our request. It therefore should be sealed here. That doesn't seem right.

So, as you said, I think the rule -- there are times when there are rules in Europe about what can be made public in what can't be made public. But I usually am given a justification and an explanation that's sufficiently detailed. And oftentimes I can tell that it's not a problem because everybody who's fighting will stand up and say, yes, we agree that's a problem and we're taking steps to get that released.

The other thing is, when I've had that happen it's been proceedings that are relevant, but they aren't the case. And so, that's -- so if this is being asked to

recognize something and I don't really know -- and nobody else can sort of see it; it's sort of hidden away in a box and you're only showing me by opening it a little, the thousand pages, and nobody else can see it, that's another problem. And in the case that I've had where there's been matters that have been sealed, you've had parties who had some idea of what was going on or what the result was.

Again, it was really court proceedings.

So, I haven't really had sufficient justification to really do much of anything with this for purposes of today. I've gotten it sealed somewhere else, so it should be sealed here. It's commercially sensitive. That's a thousand pages. It's a lot of things.

And so, in the U.S., obviously, there's a policy. It's an important policy of having open court proceedings where possible, and that's an important value. Putting aside that, we have to have proceedings where folks have a meaningful opportunity to participate. And if they don't have something that prevents them from having that opportunity, that's a whole other problem. So, what I have today is sort of kind of a Post-it note kind of attached to this without much behind it.

MR. HYMAN: Yeah. No, I appreciate that, Your Honor, and I appreciate all your comments. Just as a reminder, we do have Mr. Dingle on the phone to the extent

Page 59 1 that would be of any value. But --2 THE COURT: He's on the phone to listen. 3 -- again, I don't hear argument on the phone, and people 4 can't appear as a witness on the phone. And so, that's 5 nice, but it doesn't solve my problem. He can take it all 6 in and we can -- when we address this again, which I suspect 7 we will -- people are going to need to be here and we're 8 going to need a much more fulsome explanation --9 Yeah, I appreciate --MR. HYMAN: 10 THE COURT: -- for a variety of reasons that I've 11 just laid out. MR. HYMAN: 12 I appreciate that, Your Honor. And I 13 imagine that when we come back to court on July 10th, 14 there's going to be significant disclosure and --15 THE COURT: I --16 MR. HYMAN: -- significant discovery and --17 Well, how can we actually have a THE COURT: 18 proceeding? I mean, if you want to have -- sort of jumping 19 the gun here, but there's talk about discovery. 20 know how we don't have to deal with this first. And then 21 we're talking about a hearing on the merits. I don't know 22 how we don't have to do with this first. And by here, I'm 23 gesturing to the 1,000 pages that are the exhibits to the affidavit filed in Guernsey, which is all under seal. 24 25 And also, I mean, I just think that is -- we're

Page 60 1 going to have to deal with that soon. So, I think we're 2 going to have to have a conversation next week about what to 3 do with this, and people can -- we'll get to the details of what that looks like. But we have to figure out what to do 4 5 with this and what's the appropriate way to handle it. 6 MR. HYMAN: Got it. 7 THE COURT: And there also may be ways in the 8 meantime that -- I don't know if there are ways to get this 9 addressed where folks can look at documents, even if they 10 aren't filed publicly. So, I don't know the feasibility or 11 not of that in the context of this. 12 And again, I don't even know if I have the --13 remind me if I have the sealing order from the Guernsey 14 proceeding. 15 MR. HYMAN: It's actually in the administrative 16 order itself. 17 THE COURT: All right. Where is that? 18 MR. HYMAN: So, that would be... 19 MR. HITCHINGS: (indiscernible) 20 THE COURT: Sorry, counsel. I didn't mean to sort 21 of --22 Yeah, it was Exhibit --MR. HYMAN: 23 MS. SCHWEITZER: (indiscernible) MR. HYMAN: It was Exhibit A to the verified 24 petition, again, Your Honor. 25

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1	THE COURT: All right. So, Tab 5? Is that right?
2	MR. HYMAN: That was Tab 5, correct?
3	THE COURT: All right. And what Exhibit?
4	MR. HYMAN: Exhibit A. I'm just trying to find
5	the page.
6	THE COURT: All right. So, it's the pages right
7	after the actual pleading itself?
8	MR. HYMAN: Yes, again, and I apologize for not
9	having separate tabs on those pages.
10	THE COURT: Right. So, where what's the
11	language?
12	MR. HYMAN: It's in the second order and it's the
13	first paragraph. The hearing on this matter be in-camera
14	and the court file be sealed.
15	THE COURT: All right. Well, that's not much more
16	illuminating than
17	MR. HYMAN: And
18	MS. SCHWEITZER: And you'll notice the evidence
19	from above it appears to be the affidavit of Mr. Driver.
20	So, we don't have the basis for sealing. And to further
21	that because I completely agree with everything you said,
22	so I'm not going to double argue it but if you look at
23	the exhibit attached to the motion to seal, there's
24	correspondence with Mr. Dingle
25	THE COURT: Right.

MS. SCHWEITZER: -- and the court where he says, oh, I know this is confidential, so I'm going to just file it under seal, or I'm going to seek to file it under seal, and it's like, okay. But he doesn't make any effort to get permission to not file it under seal.

THE COURT: Yeah. No, I do recall it's a bit of leading the witness. So, yeah. So, we're going to have to deal with this. So, while we dealt with the TRO issue and so we don't need a quick hearing on this, I think we're going to need a quick hearing on this particular issue.

And so, the 10th seems too soon and (indiscernible) busy day here. So, I'm looking at maybe the 13th, which is also the (indiscernible).

(Court confers with Clerk)

MS. SCHWEITZER: So, Your Honor, the 13th is fine for us. I assume from the things I'm hearing you say is that there would be a need for live evidence or an evidentiary record for that.

THE COURT: Yeah, well what I'd like to do is I'd like to get a supplemental filing to justify the sealing. I really -- again, all I understand is that it was sealed in Guernsey and the order doesn't really tell me much more than that. And I don't -- and then the only other thing I have, it says confidential business information, but then it's not tied to the thousand pages, or more than a thousand pages,

Page 63 1 that I have. And obviously, here in the U.S., we are in the 2 business of redacting things where they're appropriate to be 3 redacted. 4 So, again, I can't tell if the request was made in 5 Guernsey and the Court in Guernsey said, okay, we're happy 6 to do that, and then you went back and said, well, we want 7 to do the same thing in the U.S. and they probably said, we 8 don't care, it's not really our problem. If this is a 9 currency court-imitated sealing requirement, and if so, is 10 there a way to address that and get these things unsealed? 11 What is it that we're -- when we get down to the brass 12 tacks, what is it that shouldn't be part of a public record? 13 Your Honor, I appreciate your comments MR. HYMAN: 14 And I think what we'll do is we'll endeavor to spend 15 some more time on this when we've got some more time and we 16 haven't been trying to get these papers filed, to better 17 understand the confidential nature to the extent -- and to 18 the extent that we can disclose certain portions of this, we 19 will reach out to Cleary and see if we can get this resolved 20 in the interim, perhaps avoid a court hearing. But if not, 21 you know, we're happy to come back with a more narrow list 22 of --23 THE COURT: So, how long --24 MR. HYMAN: -- of requests. 25 THE COURT: -- do you want to have to file a

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1	supplement to your I'm going to essentially adjourn the
2	motion to seal, right? And so, when do you want to file a
3	supplemental pleading on that? I'm thinking the 7th,
4	Friday.
5	MR. HYMAN: Sure, Your Honor.
6	THE COURT: All right. So, let's do that. And
7	then why don't you do that by noon. And then how long do
8	you want to respond?
9	MS. SCHWEITZER: Could we 5:00 on the 11th?
10	Does that give you enough time to look at the paper?
11	THE COURT: Yeah. No, that's fine. I was going
12	to say noon on the 12th.
13	MS. SCHWEITZER: We are happy to take that. We
14	didn't want to impose on you.
15	THE COURT: I'm in hearings for all the morning on
16	the 12th, so that's fine.
17	MS. SCHWEITZER: We appreciate that, Your Honor.
18	THE COURT: And so, then we'll have a discussion
19	on the 13th. I think we just scheduled something for
20	(Court confers with Clerk)
21	THE COURT: I just scheduled something for that
22	afternoon, and I'll blame it on being a parent. So, as you
23	mentioned
24	MS. SCHWEITZER: There you go.
25	THE COURT: the (indiscernible) element and the

Page 65 1 other aspect, which is I can't remember what I just 2 scheduled, and I want to find out what it is. But we'll schedule it sometime that afternoon and we'll figure out 3 what time --4 5 MS. SCHWEITZER: Okay. 6 THE COURT: -- in a minute, once I figure out what 7 that is. 8 MR. HYMAN: Your Honor --9 THE COURT: So, that's how we'll deal with 10 sealing, rather than spinning our wheels today on an 11 incomplete record. MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, can I just make one 12 13 request in that we have until the end of the day on Friday 14 to file our response rather than noon? 15 THE COURT: I need to read it. I mean... So, I 16 think, actually, what I was thinking about is whether -- if 17 we need to deal with the TRO, which by their nature expire 18 after 10 days, whether we need another TRO hearing. So, I 19 think I had preemptively blocked out the afternoon of the 20 13th. So, you can --21 MS. SCHWEITZER: Oh, you did it for us. 22 THE COURT: Yeah. So, it was free to you all. So, let's say 3:00 on the 13th. Actually, let's make it 23 24 2:30, just in terms of we don't know how long it may go. 25 So, 2:30 on the 13th.

Page 66 1 Today is the 4th. That gives you a couple of 2 I know it's not perfect, but again, they need a 3 chance to reply, I need a chance to read everything and get 4 ready, and I have a lot of stuff going on next week. I have 5 knockdown drag out fights on Monday, on Wednesday, on 6 Thursday. So, I need some time. So --7 MR. HYMAN: No problem, Your Honor. We'll get it 8 done by noon. 9 THE COURT: All right. So, all right. So, I 10 think -- is there anything else on sealing? 11 MS. SCHWEITZER: There's one bootstrapping issue 12 on sealing, which is the declaration of Michael Cohen -- oh, 13 I'm sorry, Malcom Cohen. 14 THE COURT: Right. 15 MS. SCHWEITZER: I apologize. In Paragraph 7, you 16 know, he gives the standard on the joint administrator in 17 Paragraph 6, so it's my personal knowledge and all these 18 other things. And then he says, in particular, I have 19 relied upon the affidavit of Mr. Driver in support of -- you 20 know, what we'll just call the Driver affidavit, which was submitted to the Court under seal in support of their 21 22 things. And certain things are sensitive, but he refers, in 23 this declaration, to the Driver affidavit, and in some 24 places specifies it. But I don't know what I don't know, 25 right? I don't know what's his personal knowledge.

And when he's saying, I relied on this Driver affidavit and it's sealed, I guess at a minimum I would ask that to the extent that they intend to offer this as evidence, that they indicate where things are not personal knowledge or they strike it, or I --

THE COURT: Well, they -- so, I think one of the things that -- the prism under which sealing has to be looked at is right. There is a burden for purposes of recognition. And folks have to be able to satisfy that burden and presumably do so with information that's on the public record and can be subject to cross-examination and review.

So, I agree that that's relevant. And so, I haven't gone through -- although it did occur to me -- how the information set forth in this declaration of Malcolm Cohen can be public and various things -- the things that here can't be. And I don't know where the dividing line is. And I know that the details in trying to figure that out can often be really hard to figure out. So, I think we really have to think about what the principles are that is the basis for sealing these things and then work it out.

So, the other thing I will say is to the extent that folks think it would be helpful to have a conversation later in the week to talk about this, I'd be happy to do that. We can get folks on the phone to work through some of

Case 1:19-cv-03619-VSB Document 26-8 Filed 06/18/19 Page 69 of 121 Page 68 1 Because what I don't -- what wouldn't be these issues. 2 helpful is if people stand in ceremony, file their briefs, and then we find ourselves in another slightly more advanced 3 version of the same conversation on the 13th, because it's 4 5 just going to be a recurring problem. 6 So, it may be that it would be helpful to have a 7 discussion. I'm at the Second Circuit Judicial Conference 8 tomorrow through Friday. But I certainly could make time if 9 it would be helpful. What I would ask is if you want to 10 have a conversation, just give me a couple of options and 11 I'll pick one to have a discussion. It might be helpful, 12 rather than sort of saying, well, we're just going to 13 litigate it. I mean, you may end up litigating aspects of 14 it, but I think everybody understands that for this case to 15 move forward, we've got to figure this out sooner rather 16 than later. 17 MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, we agree with that. 18 again, we weren't really trying to hide the ball. What we were trying to do is get papers filed and prepared in an 19 20 expeditious manner, recognizing the fact that there was the 21 ceiling order in Guernsey. 22 THE COURT: All right.

MR. HYMAN: We will go through it very carefully and we will examine to the extent that there is some real sensitive information. And we'll be back, and we'll be

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Page 69 1 addressing that in our papers. 2 MS. SCHWEITZER: Right. And Your Honor doesn't have to rule on this today, but I think it's going to be 3 4 this week or next week, or whenever this hits the hay. But 5 if, in fact, the Debtors are pushing for sealing and it were 6 to be granted, then we would want to know how that ties into 7 Mr. Cohen's statements, right, I sealed this under the 8 representation that it's implicit in there. So, I don't 9 think we have to make a final decision here --10 THE COURT: No, no --11 MS. SCHWEITZER: -- but I don't want to forget 12 that. 13 THE COURT: -- there's a sword shield problem. 14 Yeah, I understand. So, if we did have a chat about it, I 15 would think Friday might be too late. So, I would think it 16 would probably have to happen Thursday, right? We don't 17 want to -- if you -- once you file something on Friday, you 18 filed something on Friday. So, I would think Thursday or 19 even Wednesday would be the time for having a discussion. 20 MR. HYMAN: We will probably need until Thursday. 21 The folks in Guernsey in England are quite a few hours ahead 22 of us, and we've probably lost them for the day. So, we'll 23 reengage with them --24 THE COURT: All right. 25 -- first thing tomorrow morning and MR. HYMAN:

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1	try to
2	THE COURT: And if I have a particular
3	MR. HYMAN: be as productive as possible on
4	this issue.
5	THE COURT: window on Thursday, my chambers
6	might reach out to let you know what that is, just to make
7	life easier. I know there's actually an International
8	Insolvency Panel at the Second Circuit Judicial Conference.
9	And I would like to attend that. It would be ironic to miss
10	that panel for this case. So
11	MS. SCHWEITZER: It's like phone a friend.
12	THE COURT: Yes. So, again, if I have a
13	particularly good window, I might I'll circulate that in
14	advance to make
15	MS. SCHWEITZER: Okay. We
16	THE COURT: like a little bit easier for you
17	all.
18	MS. SCHWEITZER: We will find someone on our team
19	to be available. Obviously, we greatly appreciate Your
20	Honor's offer. I think the ball is in the Debtors' court to
21	introduce something for us to talk about.
22	THE COURT: Right.
23	MS. SCHWEITZER: But we're always happy to find
24	prospective solutions.
25	THE COURT: Yeah. What I would imagine the

only way that call makes sense is for the Debtors to get a bunch of information and to refine their position, and then call you and say we haven't' filed our papers yet, but I can tell you the following things to advance the ball, A, B, C, D. And then you have a conversation and say, in light of that and in the interest of efficiency, it would be very helpful to have a discussion to try to remove some issues from the litigation plate.

So, if we have a discussion with the Court -- but yeah, they would have to -- I'm not suggesting that people leave here today, not talk to one another, and we just have sort of a random call later this week, that's probably not going to help things.

MR. HYMAN: Yeah.

THE COURT: So, again, I would suggest that

Debtors figure some things out and then reach out to

counsel, and with the idea of trying to advance the ball

forward so the case can actually be meaningfully litigated.

And then if there is some particular issue that you think

would be useful to talk about in advance, we can do that.

And there might not be. There might be, hey, we figured out

a few things, we've narrowed some issues, but we still have

some other issues and we're just going to brief them, and

we'll talk about it on the 13th.

All right.

Page 72 1 MS. SCHWEITZER: Great. So, I think -- I'm very 2 mindful of the time. We have gone for a while and I know 3 you've accommodated us today. I would like a couple minutes 4 just to give you --5 THE COURT: Sure. 6 MS. SCHWEITZER: -- some of our overarching 7 concerns or color, I think I would say. I think Mr. 8 Blackman would hook me if I didn't. And I will start with 9 that. But the -- just as a high level, I think you hear the 10 issues being -- percolating around. Vale had entered into a 11 joint venture agreement with the Debtor company years ago. 12 It was to get mining rights in Guinea. Vale had paid about 13 \$1.2 billion, which was part, but not all, of what they were 14 ultimately supposed to invest in that project. 15 And you do have the arbitration award in front of 16 you. And I will say it very quickly, and Mr. Blackman might 17 want to add a couple of color notes around it. But what 18 basically happened was around 2014, there were -- they might 19 say allegations; we would say findings or facts --20 discovered about Mr. Benny Steinmetz, the ultimate owner or 21 beneficiary of this chain of corporations, that there was 22 fraud by him. 23 And in connection with that investment, the 24 Debtors had said that there was a change in the

administration in Guinea, which caused loss of concession

rights. There are allegations and, I believe, possible proof regarding bribery. But certainly, lots of questions and untoward behavior linked to the loss of the concessions.

Vale sought to rescind the concession and get their money back and commenced an arbitration in 2014 seeking rescission and damages, and you can imagine the bucket of claims that went. It was a long -- you see the arbiters like to write long decisions, and they basically, in the long and short of it, awarded rescission of the contract, awarded damages, and in particular, notably, made findings that Mr. --

MR. BLACKMAN: Steinmetz.

MS. SCHWEITZER: -- Steinmetz -- I apologize. Mr. Steinmetz had made misrepresentations in connection with the due diligence into the entry into the joint venture that were connected to representations he made about the absence of bribery, that there was no bribery in connection with obtaining of the mining rights. So, that award was entered. Vale then got that award recognized in London and the Debtors -- and that was May this year. The award came down in April of this year. Early May, Vale got a recognition award. And then there's been some litigation going back and forth in London about the Debtors coming and trying to have that unrecognized.

The Debtors have not sought recognition of the

Page 74 1 Guernsey proceeding in London. I believe they first took 2 the position that there was an automatic stay of the 3 arbitration or for their proceedings. We opposed that. And we said, you can apply for it, but we're going to see 4 5 discovery on these different issues. And they never went 6 forward after that fact. So, they are litigating the 7 question of, you know, whether it's subject to review. But 8 there's no bankruptcy Chapter 15 equivalent going on in 9 England. 10 THE COURT: Do you have any sense or views as to 11 why this proceeding is the form in which things have been 12 pursued, as opposed to London? 13 MS. SCHWEITZER: So, I think that -- well, I think 14 there was a dodge and weave practice all along, and so the 15 Debtors, in their papers, give you the reason that by filing 16 an objection or a rehearing or challenge to the London stay, 17 that they -- right now, we are stayed from enforcing until 18 that proceeding is resolved. I think also, as we said, is that we did say to 19 20 them, you can go seek recognition, but if you seek 21 recognition, the Court can take discovery of the proceeding. 22 The Court can take discovery on all the underlying acts. 23 And so, I can't purport to be in the Debtors' mind of why 24 they didn't 25 THE COURT: All right.

MS. SCHWEITZER: -- follow up with them. They present today the plain-vanilla Chapter 15 high-five recognition story, and that's -- you can probably see in here where we're going with our issues and concerns. I think the issues and concerns here are kind of going to the larger, what's going on that -- is there a robust Guernsey proceeding and why does this Guernsey proceeding exist at all, right?

And so, this Guernsey proceeding was started, two joint administrators were appointed. There's a Guernsey joint administrator and a London joint administrator. So, you have -- we don't have to do it today, but COMI issues regarding where is this thing taking place.

There have only been two reports issued to date that we know of, both of which are in the application materials, and both of them say we're going to pursue a restructuring where we continue to pursue our litigation or assets, the Soros litigation, and this exit arbitration for the Debtors to get back these mining rights. Not for us. They're challenging -- they're going and challenging the denial of the revocation of the mining rights. So, maybe they get their cake and needed too, or who knows what. But those were their assets they wanted to pursue: exit arbitration and Soros.

In the papers today, the Debtors are describing

Page 76 1 the Soros litigation as the litigation where all the money's 2 But -- and I'm being whispered in my ears that maybe there's details and it's not quite accurately described at 3 different places -- but there's been no action or pursuit of 4 5 the Soros litigation all this time. That it's -- I think 6 the papers say that since 1017, there's been no progress in 7 that case. 8 So, it's a little odd to call it the reason that 9 you need a Chapter 15 and you need a restructuring is to 10 realize the value of the Soros litigation, but nothing's 11 happening in the Soros litigation. And then your only other 12 asset is to go after this Guinea ICSID arbitration. Again, 13 allegations. I don't of evidence. I know what I'm being 14 told overnight and what I'm being shown, is that there was a 15 press release or a report, some public media report, that 16 Mr. Steinmetz, the main --17 MR. BLACKMAN: Steinmetz. 18 MS. SCHWEITZER: Steinmetz -- I apologize --19 Steinmetz --20 THE COURT: You can just call him the owner. 21 MS. SCHWEITZER: Benny. We're going to call him 22 So, Benny had reached a finding settlement with 23 Guinea, Guinea government, whoever gets the concessions 24 regarding that arbitration. Not that the joint 25 administrators had, but the owner had reached the settlement

Page 77 1 to the point where the joint administrators came out and put 2 a press release out saying, oh, we didn't enter into any 3 finding settlement. And now, in these papers, there's a 4 description of a non-binding settlement. 5 And so, it appears we have serious questions 6 regarding who is in charge, right, and who's running this 7 case, and what is this restructuring being used for other 8 than to fight off legitimate judgment creditors, and to 9 continue those actions and kind of world-wide running 10 around. Other --11 THE COURT: So, what would be the -- what would be 12 the normal exit for this kind of a proceeding in Guernsey, 13 right, so what is --14 MS. SCHWEITZER: In Guernsey? 15 THE COURT: Yeah. 16 MS. SCHWEITZER: So, my understanding is --17 THE COURT: Is it a scheme of arrangement? What 18 is it? MS. SCHWEITZER: So, again, this is what I've 19 20 learned overnight, is that it's basically you can 21 reorganize, or you would go to a liquidation that you try to 22 figure out whether you're going to reorganize or not. 23 papers say, we're going to reorganize. 24 The concerns we have are who is "we", and the 25 reorganization, if there is one, think of it more

(indiscernible), I guess. The administrators are appointed to look after the estate and to reorganize the estate. What they are doing is -- or someone is doing -- is pursuing this exit arbitration and trying to settle that, which benefits the owner personally. They're trying to hold off paying creditors.

What we also know, which is not within their reports, is even something on their radar screen or that they're concerned about, is that the evidence that's been collected to date in connection with the arbitration is the \$1.2 billion. It's not that we paid Vale. It didn't go to the mine. It's not sitting at the Debtor. It was upstreamed to the parent. The same parent who is now -- or a parent affiliate within the corporate group, who is now funding this Guernsey restructuring -- that they mentioned this funding agreement, it's from an affiliate funding down. The funding agreement has not been disclosed. We don't know the terms. We don't know if there's any limitations on the purpose for the funding agreement.

But what we do know is the joint administrators are not talking at all about having any interest or concern or desire to look into any of these allegations of potential bribery, of potential loss of corporate assets.

THE COURT: So, you had mentioned COMI before.

So, what I've heard thus far has a lot to do with some of

the procedural and creditor protections that would be part of a recognition hearing. I just wanted to ask you if you had -- you had mentioned that you were going to challenge COMI, if you had a view about COMI.

MS. SCHWEITZER: So, I do have a view --

THE COURT: You don't have to have a view today, but I just -- since you mentioned it, just to fill out the picture.

MS. SCHWEITZER: No, actually, I do have a view that the record at a minimum is incomplete as it is now. Again, the same way that they comment and say everything's under seal in Guernsey, it's under seal here. The COMI application is pretty much -- I'm being a little oversimplistic -- I've got a Guernsey proceeding; it's a main proceeding; recognize it here; I've got a liquidator; you know, joint administrator; I recognize even one of those joint administrators in London, and we talked to each other; so maybe it's not wholly Guernsey, but you know, it's a COMI.

Our concern is who are the employees? There's no disclosure of I've got 30 employees, this is where they are. We know there are assets. Are there interests in -- or potential interests in a Guinea mine in the Sierra Leone Diamond Company, and we know that there's -- we heard that the Board of Director of the subsidiaries are still in

place. The declaration makes mention of management still actively participating. And we don't know the role of the parents in funding.

So, I don't know. I'm just kind of like, yeah, I know the question is if this isn't a COMI, where is the COMI. I'm not quite sure of the basic questions you have asked, which is who is really running this case? Where are the assets? What is going on? Because nothing is happening in the Guernsey proceeding itself.

other question, and it's probably my last for the day, which is I -- and maybe it's more of an observation -- given the need to sort through this -- and again, I'm gesturing to the declaration and exhibits in Guernsey that are under seal in Guernsey -- and to work through that as well as to work through some of the issues you just mentioned -- I have my doubts whether we'll be there by the time July rolls around in terms of the need for your -- any requests for discovery, any of that.

And the reason why I mentioned it now is because if we're -- if we sort of have two proceedings that we're trying not to bump into each other, they may have an interest in doing it quickly, you may have an interest in doing it quickly, but procedurally, we may just not be there. It isn't a today issue, but it'll be something I

think people need to keep in the back of their minds as we begin to work seriatim through problem number one -- again, I reference the materials under seal in Guernsey -- then discovery, then other issues, it may take time.

I am completely agnostic about what that means or doesn't mean for purposes of any requests for injunctive relief and the District Court proceeding in front of Judge Broderick. But I think it may mean that as we go past the immediate problems and we start getting to later in the months, that we may need to think about what to do and how all these things play together.

But again, I don't think it's a today issue. So, we're going to just start to solve problems, see where we end up, and then have it be part of the ongoing discussion. But I just -- a lot of these cases come in, as you say, in a very full-formed posture, and people know what it is that happened. They have a pretty good idea of the issues. And even challenges to -- and have also found generally the challenges to recognition often take longer than the, you know, hey, we're going to schedule a date so many dates out and that'll be our recognition hearing. None of that has gone quite as planned when I've had sophisticated challenges to recognition.

So, not a today issue, but something that I would ask the parties to think about, talk to each other about,

Page 82 1 and we'll talk about it later this month and maybe we'll 2 talk about it on the 13th as we begin to work our way 3 through some issues. Right. Your Honor, I just didn't 4 MR. BLACKMAN: 5 want to -- don't want to trespass on your patience, but you 6 did mention the word discovery, and I think that's really 7 the key because the joint administrators have not been 8 transparent. They've been the opposite of transparent. 9 I can say personally we have asked them 10 repeatedly, tell us what's going on with this supposed 11 Guinea settlement. They've said, no, we can't. Show us the 12 term sheet. They've said, no, we won't. We don't know 13 what's happening there. What we do know from the arbitration -- and I'll 14 15 just give you one example, and it's part of the things we 16 want to pursue in discovery -- is we learned in the 17 arbitration that the administrators have these documents. 18 And we urged them to read the record of the arbitration, because they're supposed to be acting for the benefit of all 19 20 the creditors. What we learned in the arbitration is that 21 \$200 million of the \$500 million original payment was 22 immediately funneled directly from BSG up to the Balda Foundation. 23 24 THE COURT: No, I got it. Again, I understand. 25 They haven't even examined --MR. BLACKMAN:

THE COURT: But the thing is, we're going to first have to go through, I think, this. Again, I gesture for probably the sixth time to the stack of more than a thousand pages. And then we're going to have to see what that means for purposes of other discovery, right? Because this is -- somebody chose to put this together. It may or may not address in a fulsome way other things that you all want to know. But at least it certainly is something that is at the very least a starting point.

But again, that's why I -- right now, we can successfully avoid any sort of timing problems between this proceeding in the District Court proceeding. But from what I'm hearing, the amount of work that needs to happen between now and a full-blown recognition hearing on the merits doesn't look like... It doesn't look like the calendar schedule we're talking about, July 10th, it just doesn't -- that would surprise me greatly if we were able to get there.

So, eventually we'll have to talk about what does this mean and what -- how do people want to handle the existence of the other proceeding, whether the Debtors should file a motion for a stay, whether that should be addressed. I don't know the answer to any of these questions and I'm agnostic on all of them. But I just know it takes a certain amount of time to work your way through various issues, and July 10th, the quote the movie "Apollo"

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     just -- I don't know that we're realistically getting there
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: Right. Totally understand.
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      think that it's very helpful guidance. And I know that as
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     advocates we're always more zealous and ambitious than --
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                THE COURT: Well, that's your job.
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: -- so we should be -- but --
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                THE COURT: That's the only thing, actually, that
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: Right.
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                THE COURT: -- and on the bucket of cold water --
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: Right.
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                THE COURT: -- on that one, and I just --
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: Yeah.
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                THE COURT: You're all experienced and no doubt
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     have an ability to --
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: Right.
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                THE COURT: -- much more accurately --
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: Right.
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                THE COURT: -- assess this. And so, we'll get
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     about sealing on the 13th, I think that --
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               MS. SCHWEITZER: Right.
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Page 85 1 THE COURT: -- and what things look like going 2 forward --3 MS. SCHWEITZER: Right. THE COURT: -- is a natural conversation. 4 5 MS. SCHWEITZER: And I appreciate that. And maybe 6 those documents are within their -- it's the same mantra --7 you can't make something privileged just by sticking it in a 8 -- by passing it to your attorney, it doesn't become 9 privileged in itself. I don't know what's in that binder. 10 But I imagine, and I think it's worthwhile, we will endeavor 11 to also, without prejudicing rights to larger discovery, 12 think about certain fundamental threshold things that, you 13 know, whether it's the funding agreements or these --14 there's only two or three sources of money, and they're all 15 litigation funding, and we believe they all roll up to the 16 parent. 17 There's a couple kind of -- you know, if you give 18 me a list of 30 things I could ask for, I could make that list probably. So, I think that we can certainly focus on 19 20 certain gating issues that should be noncontroversial. And 21 if they're controversial, we should know that before a month 22 from now, and use this parallel opportunity. 23 THE COURT: All right. So, we're going to use the 24 13th as the date to get together and talk about the sealing. 25 And at that time, we will talk about the schedule going

forward. So, that leads me to the following practical question.

Normally, right, a Chapter 15 case gets filed, order scheduling a recognition hearing gets entered. So, the question is what we want to do with that? Do we want to -- and I know that has certain various notice requirements and that are expensive and time-consuming? So, do you have a proposal, counsel, as to what you want to do? Do you want to put a pin in that for the moment?

MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, notice is not particularly extensive under these circumstances. It's really just a number of creditors and potential parties in interest that we propose to provide notice to. I think that we should stick with the July 10th date for the moment. And to the extent that on this coming Friday or Thursday, or next week when we're back before Your Honor, if indeed we need to be back before Your Honor, and we've had an opportunity to have some further conversations about what a discovery schedule might look like, perhaps we can suggest some alternatives.

THE COURT: All right. I just didn't want that to get entered and scheduled under false pretenses, so anybody thought, like wow, we really were counting on it. And you know, it's a bit of a social compact when do these things and get these orders entered. And again, I don't really see that that's realistically going to come to pass.

Page 87 1 But if the idea is let's get it scheduled, will 2 use it as something to strive towards, but we don't have any 3 misconceptions that we may not end up there. That's fine. 4 I appreciate it. And I think we will MR. HYMAN: 5 certainly work cooperatively as it relates to the Driver 6 declaration. 7 THE COURT: All right. 8 MR. HYMAN: And we appreciate the opportunity to 9 come back before the Court --10 THE COURT: All right. So, what I'd ask -- I 11 don't know if there's any objection to the form of order for 12 the order scheduling the recognition proceeding on the 11th 13 of July -- I'm sorry, the 10th of July -- in the afternoon? 14 So, chat with one another and then just send me the form 15 order electronically. MS. SCHWEITZER: Yeah, I don't believe there is an 16 17 objection. We can take one, read through it, but it's a 18 notice. 19 THE COURT: And so, we'll schedule it for 2:00 on that date. And again, subject -- and I'll throw out the 20 21 possibility and I'll defer to your better judgment whether 22 it is at all worth saying that -- I don't remember if it has 23 in it in its present form the notion -- since you're dealing 24 with overseas parties as well -- that the recognition 25 hearing may be adjourned, as appropriate, by notice and

order, and service will be given. However you want to say it to warn people that this may not be the final date. But I'll leave it to you if you want to craft some appropriate language.

All right. So, let me ask, I know there are other parties here. Let me us first if there was anything else that -- counsel, that you had that you wanted to address this afternoon?

MS. SCHWEITZER: No, Your Honor. Even though we're not the movant, we do appreciate you taking the time to hear us all and give us the time of day today. 2:48:02 time of day? So, thank you.

THE COURT: And before I hear from Debtors, is

there anybody else in the courtroom who wishes to be heard?

MR. MCCALLEN: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you, Your

Honor. Again, Benjamin McCallen, Wilkie Farr & Gallagher,

on behalf of George Soros and Open Society Foundations.

You heard my clients referenced earlier today. We are the Defendants pending in front of Judge Keenan in the Southern District of New York, which is referred to as the Soros claim. Your Honor, lawyers like to talk, and so I -- but I'm going to resist the temptation to come up here and repeat a lot of things that have already been said or that cover new ground. I just didn't want to in the initial instance have our silence taken as a lack of interest in

what is going on here today.

The fact of the matter is that the litigation in front of Judge Keenan has been stayed for the last year and a half. We think it's a meritless claim and a frivolous claim, and we filed a motion to dismiss. And ultimately, it was stayed upon our motion to dismiss or stay in the alternative, pending one of the arbitration proceedings you've heard about here today, not the one involving Vale, but the other one involving the Republic of Guinea.

I think, given the length that we've gone you this afternoon, it's not a good use of anyone's time for me to go into any details around that. But our case has been stayed for the last year and a half.

Last night at 6:00 I got notice of these proceedings. And so, I haven't had an opportunity to fully consider what is going on and how that affects our proceedings, or to adequately discuss it with my client. But we may very well be deciding to take a position with respect to the Chapter 15 proceedings here. I just don't know yet at this point whether that's the case.

And like I said, I know no one's waiving any rights, but obviously the parties, VALE, and the Debtors are up here working out schedules. And to the extent that we determine we think it's appropriate for us to be a part of any of this, we'll of course let the parties know and we'll

Page 90 1 sort that out. And if we can't, we know where to find Your 2 Honor. 3 THE COURT: All right. 4 MR. MCCALLEN: Thank you. 5 THE COURT: That's fine. 6 MR. MCCALLEN: That's all for today. Thank you. THE COURT: All right. Anybody else wish to be 7 8 heard? All right. So, anything else from the Debtors? 9 MR. HYMAN: No, Your Honor. I think that we've 10 made a lot of progress today. I just wanted to comment on 11 one or two things that Ms. Schweitzer said during her time 12 at the podium. 13 There was a reference to the action being brought 14 in bad faith, and there was some allegations as to the 15 actions of the joint administrators. We obviously contest 16 that. We believe the joint administrators are filling their 17 role under the terms of the administrative order in 18 Guernsey. 19 THE COURT: I recognize there are contested issues 20 and I recognize people are giving me their views of the 21 case, and yours is sort of set forth in your papers, and I 22 understand that. So, you don't need to defend your clients' 23 honor for purposes of today, just to make your job a little 24 easier. 25 I appreciate that, Your Honor. MR. HYMAN:

Page 91 1 Obviously, we're also going to have a very different -- we 2 may have a very different view on what discovery is 3 appropriate under the circumstances. THE COURT: I suspect you will. 4 5 MR. HYMAN: We look forward to having all those 6 conversations. 7 THE COURT: All right. So, let me ask whether 8 folks want to memorialize in some sort of writing the 9 resolution of the TRO for purposes -- I mean, I consider it 10 on the record and I'll so order the record, but I'm guessing 11 that that's probably something you'd like to supplement was 12 something in writing. But I'll leave it to you all as to 13 whether you want to go there. 14 MR. HYMAN: Yeah, I think -- you know, we're 15 pleased that it's on the record, but we will also propose 16 some language --17 THE COURT: All right, so --18 MR. HYMAN: -- to make sure that we're on the same 19 page. 20 THE COURT: -- put together a stipulation and 21 order. And again, I think that something we'll have to 22 revisit once we chat on the 13th as to scheduling and other 23 things. 24 MR. HYMAN: I think the last comment that I would 25 make is what I've been told by my partner in Philadelphia

Page 92 1 that's been repairing the response, is that it's framed as a 2 cross-motion to defer enforcement. I don't know if --3 whatever it might be. THE COURT: It is whatever it is. 4 5 MR. HYMAN: It is what it is. 6 MR. BLACKMAN: No. And I can tell the Court, one 7 of the things that you can do under the New York convention, 8 is to say, stay enforcement of what's called the secondary 9 jurisdiction, which is New York, pending resolution of an 10 attempt to set aside the award of the primary jurisdiction, 11 which is England. That's not surprising. We'll respond to 12 it and tell the Judge, no, and he'll litigate it. And our 13 stipulation will make sure that whatever he does doesn't 14 result in some order that will interfere with this 15 proceeding. 16 THE COURT: All right. 17 MS. SCHWEITZER: Right. 18 THE COURT: So, up through the date that you've 19 worked out, and then everybody reserves all their rights 20 otherwise, right? 21 MS. SCHWEITZER: Right. I would say, we're not 22 there. We are not -- we haven't agreed to anything beyond 23 July 10th right now, so... 24 THE COURT: Right. 25 MS. SCHWEITZER: That's good.

Page 93 1 THE COURT: No, I understand. And that's why I 2 wanted to flag the notion of what I -- how long I suspect it 3 may take us to deal with things here, and what it looks like after July 10th. I don't know that. Then we'll have to 4 5 chat about it. 6 All right, so the motion to seal is being 7 adjourned to the 13th to address the kinds of issues that 8 we've been talking about. The motion for a TRO has been 9 resolved for the moment through July 10th, subject to 10 further discussions. You'll submit something in writing, a 11 proposed stipulation and order, and party reserves all their 12 other rights. And we'll continue to have that conversation. 13 And I will sign the proposed order scheduling the 14 recognition hearing for July 10th in the afternoon at 2:00. 15 But mindful that I have serious doubts that that is 16 ultimately going to work, and we'll -- but in this business, 17 we all know we take it as it comes, and we'll figure things 18 out as we go forward. MR. HYMAN: Your Honor, I think that the order 19 20 that you have now has a different time. And I don't know 21 whether you'd like us to submit a revised order --22 THE COURT: Yeah, if you'd submit a revised order. 23 MR. HYMAN: Right.

make it 2:30 just in an abundance of caution. And I'll wait

I'd say make it 2:00. And actually,

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Page 94 1 to get that order. 2 MR. HYMAN: And we'll add some language regarding 3 the (indiscernible). MS. SCHWEITZER: Your Honor, there's just one 4 5 thing I realized. The copy of the order we have doesn't 6 have a deadline to object. So, I hear everything you're 7 saying, but what is our placeholder deadline to object to 8 this being put in there? If it's the 11th, we could say the 9 I mean, a week before --10 THE COURT: It's the 10th. 11 MS. SCHWEITZER: Oh, I'm sorry, the 10th. 12 THE COURT: So, I would say -- but then would need 13 to be time need to be time -- and we know this is contested, 14 right? 15 MS. SCHWEITZER: Yes. 16 THE COURT: So, there'd need to be time for a 17 reply as well. So, if there wasn't a holiday -- there is --18 I would've said Monday the 1st and then Friday the 5th so 19 I'd have everything in time. But there is a holiday. So, 20 any suggestions? 21 MS. SCHWEITZER: So, the 10th -- I guess the reply 22 -- our replies would be due on the 5th if the hearing's on 23 the 10th? It'd be --24 THE COURT: I think we're closed on the 5th. 25 MS. SCHWEITZER: So, is it the 3rd or the 8th?

Page 95 1 THE COURT: But you can still file them. 2 MS. SCHWEITZER: Right. It's when you would need 3 -- well, I guess -- I mean, on the assumption we go forward, when would you... The reply on the 8th and the... 4 5 THE COURT: So, well when I'd like to have it so I 6 can read something, and I believe that I have on the --7 yeah, I'm at the federal Judicial Center (indiscernible) 8 here for bankruptcy judges (indiscernible) 9th and half of 9 the 10th. So, my thought is I'd want to have all briefing 10 finished on the 5th so I could (indiscernible) time to get 11 this stuff done. 12 So, I don't know whether the 1st for an objection 13 and the 5th for a reply works. But I recognize I don't have 14 to answer that. Any significant others with whom you may 15 have made plans over July 4th. 16 MR. HYMAN: My colleagues Mr. Hitchings 17 (indiscernible) happy. 18 THE COURT: So, here's what I'd like to do. 19 would need things done by the 5th so I have time to read 20 them, because I may end up reading them the weekend before the week starts. I'll leave it to you to work out what that 21 22 means for purposes of you trying to figure out. So, the 23 reply would have to be the 5th at 5:00. And I'll -- I mean, 24 does it work to have Monday the 1st at noon be the deadline 25 for the opposition?

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1	MS. SCHWEITZER: That works for us.
2	THE COURT: Does that work for the Debtors?
3	MR. HYMAN: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.
4	THE COURT: All right. So, let's go with those.
5	Monday the 1st at noon, and the 5:00 on the 5th. And we'll
6	use those and I 'll see where we end up.
7	All right. Anything else for this afternoon?
8	MS. SCHWEITZER: Not from me, Your Honor.
9	MR. HYMAN: Not from me, Your Honor. We really
10	appreciate the time you spent with us
11	THE COURT: No, no, that's fine.
12	MR. HYMAN: and the expedited nature of the
13	hearing.
14	THE COURT: We will I look forward to an
15	interesting case, hopefully not too interesting. And I'll
16	be talking to you all next week.
17	MS. SCHWEITZER: Thank you, Your Honor.
18	THE COURT: Thank you very much.
19	MR. HYMAN: Thank you very much, Your Honor.
20	(Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at 4:23 PM)
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